

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The foregoing amendments to the specification have been made to correct certain typographical and grammatical errors in the specification. The same amendments were made in the parent application serial number 09/786,066. Substitute pages have been provided for Tables 2-4 inserting the SEQ ID NOS: as provided above. Further a "Related Application" section has been added to indicate the relationship between this application and the parent application. In the parent application (USSN 09/786,066) the Examiner set forth a restriction dividing the application. Claims 1-17, drawn to a method for measuring biopolymer synthesis by calculating the relative abundance of incorporation of a stable isotope label with respect to the level of un-incorporated label over time were prosecuted in the parent application. Claims 18-30, drawn to a method for measuring biopolymer degradation by calculating the relative abundance of incorporated stable isotope label with respect to the level of un-incorporated label over time were cancelled from the parent application.

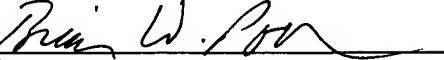
Applicants cancel claims 1-17 and wish to proceed with substantive prosecution of Claims 18-30 in the present application.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

Respectfully submitted,

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